

JOHN D. BELDING GONE

After many years of ill health and gradual breaking down, John D. Belding paid the debt of nature at 8:30 Wednesday afternoon of this week. Funeral services will occur this afternoon at the home, and the body will be taken to Belding, Mich., for interment.

John Belding was in his fifty-fifth year, having been a resident of this locality since 1882, following the occupation of a farmer until his health failed, and buying for himself and family a home in Groton a year ago.

A widow and one daughter survive him. The latter, Mrs. A. C. Lender of Havre, Mont., has been here for several weeks.

Death came as a welcome relief from years of suffering, and to those who mourn the kindly sympathy of all is extended.

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John D. Belding was born in Otisco, Ionia County, Michigan, November 18th., 1849.

He was married to Miss Amelia Deitz of the same place Dec. 21st 1872.

Two years later they moved to Belding, Michigan, a city named for the family, and noted for its silk mills. In 1882 they decided to seek their fortune in the west and came to the James River Valley and settled near this city.

Mr. Belding has been in poor health for a number of years but always had a cheery word for all with whom he came in contact and took a very optimistic view of life.

About two years ago he disposed of his farming interests and went to Tennessee hoping the change might benefit his health. In this he was disappointed and soon returned to this city where he has since made his home.

For a number of months he has been confined to the house.

His wife and only daughter Grace, now Mrs. Bert Lender of Havre, Montana survive him. Mrs. Lender arrived a few weeks ago, and his brother T. B. Belding was also at his bedside.

The last few weeks were comparatively free from pain and he passed away feeling all was well.

Funeral services were conducted by Mrs. Cranmer of Aberdeen and Mrs. Barker of Ipswich, and the remains were taken to Belding, Mich. for interment.